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Examiner: McKelvey, T.

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For: VIRAL VECTOR ENCODING
PIGMENT EPITHELIUM-
DERIVED FACTOR

RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated January 24, 2003, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Present Invention

The present invention is directed to an adenoviral vector comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding pigment epithelium-derived factor (PEDF) or a therapeutic fragment thereof, wherein the nucleic acid sequence is operably linked to regulatory sequences necessary for expression of PEDF or a therapeutic fragment thereof and wherein the adenoviral vector is lacking all or part of the E1 region and all or part of the E4 region.

The Pending Claims

Claims 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 11-27 are pending. All of the pending claims are directed to the adenoviral vector described above.

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